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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECTS - EARLY WARNING - DAN SEWAGE PROJECT

1. ON MAY 8, THE ISRAELI CABINET APPROVED PLANNED EXPENDITURES OF IL 1.04 BILLION (APPROXIMATELY $112.7 MILLION) TO BUILD A SEWAGE TREATMENT PROJECT FOR THE DAN REGION (TEL AVIV AND SIX SMALLER TOWNS WHICH TOGETHER CONSTITUTE ONE LARGE URBAN AREA). THE NEW TREATMENT PLANT WILL BE LOCATED AT SITE OF THE EXISTING SEWAGE OXYGENATION POOLS WEST OF RISHON-LE-ZION (15KM SOUTH OF TEL AVIV). CONSTRUCTION WILL TAKE ABOUT FOUR YEARS TO COMPLETE. THE PLANT WILL EVENTUALLY TREAT THE SEWAGE OF THE ONE MILLION POPULATION OF THE GREATER TEL AVIV AREA. AT PRESENT SEWAGE IS EMPTIED INTO THE MEDITERRANEAN, POLLUTING SEVERAL TEL AVIV BEACHES.

2. INITIALLY, PLANT WILL TREAT ABOUT 100 MILLION CUBIC METERS OF WATER PER YEAR AND WILL ALSO INCREASE WATER RESOURCES AVAILABLE. ALTHOUGH TREATED WATER UWOULD BE SAFE FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION, IT WILL BE USED SOLELY FOR AGRICULTURE, TO IRRIGATE NON-FOOD CROPS SUCH AS COTTON.

3. THE NEW PLANT WILL USE THE MECHANCIAL AEROBIC TREATMENT METHOD BY WHICH AIR IS INTRODUCED INTO SEWAGE, THUS ACCELERATING GROWTH OF MICRO-ORGANISMS THAT BREAK
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DOWN ORGANIC WASTE IN WATER.

4. ON MAY 8, A PILOT PLANT FOR THE DAN PROJECT WAS INAUGURATED NEAR KFAR VITKIN, NORTH OF NETANYA. A WORLD BANK REPRESENTATIVE WHO WAS PRESENT INDICATED THAT THIS IS ONE OF SEVERAL SEWAGE PROJECTS BEING FINANCED BY THE WORLD BANK. THE BANK MIGHT APPROVE A $20 MILLION

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LOAN TO FINANCE COST OF GOODS AND SERVICES FOR THE PROJECT.
NO PARTICIPATION BY ANY OTHER INTERNATIONAL FINANCING
ORGANIZATION IS ANTICIPATED.

COMMENT: TEL AVIV MUNCIPALITY AND TAHAL OFFICIALS
CONTACTED SAID DETAILS ON PLANNING AND DESIGNING NOW
BEING WORKED OUT WITH ASSISTANCE OF TAHAL CONSULTING
ENGINEERS LTD., ISRAEL'S NATIONAL WATER CONSULTING
FIRM OWNED BY GOI. AN INTERNATIONAL
TENDER FOR GOODS AND SERVICES WILL BE ISSUED. HOWEVER,
OFFICIALS UNABLE TO PREDICT DATE OF SUCH TENDER. EMBASSY
WILL FOLLOW AND ADVISE. PROJECT WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY THE
DAN REGION ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS (SEWAGE), 24 NAHALAT
BENYAMIN STREET, TEL AVIV, ISRAEL, CHAIRED BY DEPUTY
MAYOR YITZHAK CASPI. THE ASSOCIATION, AN INDEPENDENT
REGIONAL MUNICIPAL BODY WITH ITS OWN COUNCIL, STAFF AND
BUDGET, IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL MATTERS CONCERNING
SEWAGE WITHIN ITS GEOGRAPHIC AREA.
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